GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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URANIUM DEPOSIT
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of places in the country where uranium deposits have been found during last five years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to take some measures to regulate extraction of uranium in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the progress made in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) During the last five years uranium deposits have been identified in the following areas :

(1) Lambapur-Yellapur-Peddagattu, Nalgonda District, Andhra Pradesh.

(2) Wakhyn, West Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya.

(3) Gogi, Gulbarga District, Karnataka.

(4) Rohil Ghateswar, Sikar District, Rajasthan.

(b) At present exploration activities are being carried out in various stages to estimate the uranium resources in these areas. Thereafter the technoeconomic viability for extraction of uranium will be studied and if viable, the Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy will undertake the mining. The Uranium Corporation o India Ltd. is the only designated agency for extractionof uranium. Production plans of UCIL are formulatedkeeping in view the requirement of uranium for use in the nuclear reactors.

(c) & (d) Do not arise, in view of (b) above.